

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 2, 1906, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue Washington, D. C. Sept. 2nd, 1906. Sunday. Dear Alec:

Three doctors met and sat on seven pounds of humanity and pronounced it possessed of good organs.

I guess the fact of the matter is that people run fast too far, for Old Dame Nature and she loses patience sometimes, small blame to her. The poor little atom hasn't been allowed to know his own mind about, his food and in consequence the muscles of his stomach have become distended as they could not act, on the food properly and it all passed undigested out. This at least is the condition whatever the cause and now the Baltimore doctor says to let him nurse as he pleases and only try to get his food properly digested.

It was a sight to see all those four men examining the wee red and black mite picking and punching and pulling him hither and yon, and the little fellow lay quite quiet and only opened his eyes very widely and looked to the full as intelligent and as much interested as anybody. I think in fact, he looks rather too bright, and am glad that they have ordered him into a room by himself where he can be kept, perfectly quiet and only brought to Daisy to be nursed. Then when he does come he is to be allowed to nurse as he likes and not be forced to work like a galley slave for exactly so many minutes willy nilly. I have never felt, satisfied. It was all entirely against what I have ever been accustomed to, and I could not think it right, or wise, but of course I had to do as the doctors said. Daisy's physician, Dr. Brown Miller, must be a fine one, judging from all I heard of his treatment of Daisy, but he is a specialist in woman's diseases and had had little experience with babies.

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I would be satisfied with his care of Daisy and I don't know that he wasn't all right with most babies, but it didn't agree with A. G. B. F.,

Yours ever